

bring Granite Starters together, I am proud of to recognize Laura as our September Granite Stater of the Month.●

#### TRIBUTE TO RED ARNDT

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Red Arndt for his many years of service to the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System, as well as his lifetime commitment to bringing safe and reliable water to the rural corners of this country.

Born Lennis Arndt on May 1, 1948, he earned the nickname, "Red," while in grade school from his full head of red hair. The name stuck, and most people only know him today as Red Arndt.

Red grew up in Springfield, MN, about 90 minutes from his current hometown, Luverne, where he first started working in 1989 as their public utilities director. Shortly after beginning his new position, Red heard about a proposal to bring water from the Missouri River in South Dakota to the surrounding States. A major undertaking with more people doubting the idea than supporting, Red saw the opportunity and potential, recommending to the mayor and city council that Luverne join and become one of the first members of the corporation that would later become the Lewis & Clark Regional Water System.

Seeing Lewis & Clark develop from conception to construction was a labor of love for Red and a mission he fought hard to achieve. Red, one of only two original directors from 1990 still on the board, held a shovel when the ground was first broke in 2003. He has probably made over 60 trips to Washington, DC, and many more to the State capitals and attended countless county, city, and community meetings.

Fighting to get Lewis & Clark off the ground was just a starting point for Red. He has worked tirelessly on behalf of the project, serving as the vice chairman of the board beginning in 1994, until becoming the board chairman in 2006, a position he still holds. Lewis & Clark has experienced ups and downs during those years; yet under Red's leadership, over 200 miles of pipeline have been laid in the ground currently delivering much needed water to 14 member communities and rural water projects, reaching over 300,000 people across South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa. He has seen over \$470 million in funding to Lewis & Clark, including \$57 million in advance funding from the three States.

Red's indisputable dedication was demonstrated when he participated in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the water treatment plant in August 2012, a mere 2 weeks after having open heart surgery. His fellow directors surprised him at the ceremony by presenting him with the Lewis & Clark Trailblazer Award, which is the organization's highest honor.

In May 2016, Luverne was finally able to celebrate their connection to Lewis & Clark, with Red reveling in taking

the first swig of water. It was at this ceremony that the meter building in Luverne was dedicated in Red's honor. Red will be the first to acknowledge that this endeavor, benefiting generations to come in the tristate area, has been a true team effort. But, there is no question Red's vision for the future, dogged dedication, and strong leadership have been a driving force through the years.

When he is not dedicating his time to Lewis & Clark, Red is a proud father of three boys—all sharing his red hair—and grandfather of three red-headed little girls. His family is his pride and joy. You will often find Red wearing a pin honoring his son who served in the U.S. Air Force.

As a dessert first type of guy, Red lives life to the fullest, enjoying travel, fishing and numerous other outdoor activities in his free time, as well as hanging out in his "man cave." I am grateful for his commitment to public service, his hard work on behalf of Lewis & Clark, and, more importantly, I am proud to call him a friend.

I commend Red Arndt for his many great contributions and wish him the best as he continues to make the most out of the life God has given.●

#### TRIBUTE TO STAMATIOS "TOM" KRIMIGIS

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Stamatiios "Tom" Krimigis on the occasion of his 80th birthday and 50th anniversary of service to the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory.

Dr. Krimigis is one of our Nation's brightest minds in the field of space science, and I and countless others rely on his knowledge and good counsel. He has had an amazing journey from humble beginnings on the Greek island of Chios to become one of the world's most brilliant and renowned space scientists.

The launch of Sputnik in 1957 drew his eye to the sky and inspired him to study physics and space science, so he came to the United States at the age of 18 to enroll at the University of Minnesota.

Upon finishing college, he went to the University of Iowa to work for James Van Allen, who had been the principal investigator on Explorer 1, which was the U.S. first satellite. In 1968, he joined Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory. He was the head of the space department from 1991 to 2004 and has been the emeritus head and principal staff scientist since then.

Dr. Krimigis has led pioneering research into the Earth's environment, its magnetosphere, the Sun, the interplanetary medium, and the magnetospheres of the planets. He was critical in helping NASA shape its approach to planetary exploration and has published more than 600 articles in scientific journals and books. He remains the only scientist to lead investigations of every planet in our solar

system. In 1999, the International Astronomical Union named the asteroid 8323 Krimigis, previously 1979 UH, in his honor.

In addition to being a brilliant scientist in his own right, Dr. Krimigis has mentored countless scientists, engineers, and staff at the Applied Physics Lab, showing extraordinary generosity with his time to develop new generations of leaders. He is always willing to share his insights and provide thoughtful guidance. I am lucky to have Tom as a friend and adviser who has provided insights and infectious enthusiasm for the work being done by he and his colleagues at the Applied Physics Lab. I was thrilled to join Tom to witness some of his major successes, like the Near Earth Asteroid Rendezvous in 1998 and the Pluto fly-by in 2015.

Dr. Tom Krimigis has a special ability to help people understand the value of investing in our ability to explore our planets and peer into the depths of space, both to maintain America's technological edge and to help answer basic universal questions about our place in the universe. I am honored to recognize him today and to wish him a happy 80th birthday.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

##### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 3, 2017, the Secretary of the Senate, on September 20, 2018, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MESSER) had signed the following enrolled bills:

S. 97. An act to enable civilian research and development of advanced nuclear energy technologies by private and public institutions, to expand theoretical and practical knowledge of nuclear physics, chemistry, and materials science, and for other purposes.

S. 2946. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to clarify the meaning of the terms "act of war" and "blocked asset", and for other purposes.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by